

Letter from the Editors

True to its mission, this issue of *Itinerario* covers European expansion across the globe. In the opening article, Tatiana Seijas examines the Portuguese slave trade to Spanish Manila. L.H. Roper looks into the failed attempt by English Roman Catholics to establish a colony in North America during the seventeenth century. And Giancarlo Casale analyses the career of Sefer Reis, and his role in the sixteenth-century Ottoman expansion into the Indian Ocean. This issue's interview is with Peter Carey, a specialist in the field of Southeast Asia studies, whose biography of the Indonesian hero, Prince Diponegoro, was launched last December.

After many years with the editorial department, Markus Vink has decided to move on. Markus was the architect of the extensive book review and review article section that has become one of *Itinerario's* characteristic features. All those who are connected with the journal highly value the great effort that he put into creating and sustaining this major element of our publication. We enjoyed working with Markus and are very grateful for his contributions. At the same time we welcome as our new colleague Laura Cruz, who will take over for Markus starting with the present issue.

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